

**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 26, 2005.

Claims 12-21, 23-30, and 39-61 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 22 and 31-38 have been cancelled, and claims 39-61 have been added. Claims 24-30 are allowed.

The Examiner states claims 22, 14, 18, and 35-36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 22, 14, 18, and 35-36 in independent form as claims 12, 39, 44, 51, and 57, respectively, which are the only independent claims pending in the application. Therefore, Applicant believes these claims and claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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